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It is understood that six out of the seven candidates who passed out from the Kerala Polytechnic, Kozhikode, and three out of the five passed out from the Rayalaseema Polytechnic, Bellary, have already secured apprenticeship and are undergoing training, while the rest are yet to start their apprenticeship. It has been reported that some of the students who passed out of the Rayalaseema Polytechnic, Bellary, are unwilling to go outside Rayalaseema and want to undergo apprenticeship in firms of their choice and this naturally causes delay in starting their apprenticeship."

Forward contracts in groundnut seeds in Adoni.

* 89 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered prosecutions against those who entered into forward contracts in groundnut seeds and carried on business in the said commodity at Adoni during recent years;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that such business is being carried on for more than a decade at Adoni and even after the introduction of controls;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that suits have been filed in the civil courts on the basis of such contracts;

(*d*) the reasons which impelled the Government to launch prosecutions notwithstanding the prevalence of such business for more than 12 years; and

(*e*) whether any discrimination has been made in launching charge-sheets and whether some personages have not been proceeded against and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) *to* (*e*) Since any statement by the Government on the facts relating to business done in forward contracts in Adoni or the reasons for the prosecutions may have a bearing on the merits of the cases now pending in Courts, Government must, with regret, decline to answer any of these questions or be drawn into any kind of argument regarding facts or reasons."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53.

*SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I wish, Sir, my hon. Friend Sri Bhima Rao were here to-day, so that he could be the first, as he generally is, to speak though on the side of the Treasury Bench. After the very severe warning administered by the Hon. Minister now in charge of Finance that any criticism that we may offer is not likely to have any effect on the present Government,